SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 883 By Herron

A RESOLUTION to recognize Michelle Brook Parham, 2000 Valedictorian of Dresden High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Brook Parham is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Dresden High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Michelle Parham has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Michelle has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parham has solidified her deserved reputation as a stellar student by means of her receipt of the DAR Good Citizen Award; her inclusion in Who's Who Among American High School Students and her selection as "Most Likely To Succeed" in Who's Who; and

WHEREAS, she has also earned distinction as a Coca Cola Scholar and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall and major in secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Michelle has served her classmates with acumen and alacrity as Class
President for all four years of her high school career; she has also demonstrated her inimitable
leadership abilities through meritorious service as Beta Club President, Student Council
Treasurer, STARS Club President, HOSA Photographer, and as Mu Alpha Theta Secretary
during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to establishing an impressive record of academic excellence, Michelle has also actively participated in numerous clubs and activities, including membership in FCCLA, Rotary Interact Club, "D" Club, the Science Club and the Spanish Club; this remarkable young lady has served ably as statistician for the Dresden Lions baseball team; and

WHEREAS, a young lady who realizes that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Michelle has served astutely on the Community First Youth Leadership of Weakley County and has volunteered for many community service projects; and

WHEREAS, she expresses her robust faith in the Lord as a member of Dresden Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parham's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Michelle's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mitchell and Beverly Parham, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Michele Parham's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Dresden High School Valedictorian, Michelle Brook Parham, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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